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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

O'DONNELL ET AL.

Examiner

Jean W. Désir

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11/26/04, Amendment.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1, 3-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Description of Related Art in the Background of the Invention in view of Jaffe et al (US 6,198,211 B1).

Claim 1:

the claimed "an imager defining a plurality of controllable pixels" is disclosed, see Description of Related Art page 1 lines 13-18;

the claimed "a light source for exclusively generating light of a selected color, said light source arranged for transmitting said light through said imager to produce an image; and a projector lens for magnifying and focusing said image for projection on a screen" is disclosed, see Description of Related Art page 1 lines 24-27;

the claimed "and wherein said imager is an LCOS device" is disclosed, see Description of Related Art page 1 line 28;

the claimed "wherein said light source is comprised of a CRT device exciting a resonant microcavity with an active region, said active region having a phosphor disposed therein for exclusively emitting light of said selected color" is not explicitly

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disclosed in the Description of Related Art. However, light source that is comprised of a CRT device exciting a resonant microcavity with an active region as claimed is notoriously well known in the art (as evidence see Jaffe at Figs. 9, 12, col. 8 lines 17-19, col. 14 lines 45-53, col. 15 lines 27-35, col. 20 lines 29-34) as a way of providing light source that would produce high brightness levels and is highly directional. Thus, an artisan would be motivated to combine the references to arrive at the claimed invention; this combination would advantageously provide high brightness levels and highly directional light sources. Therefore, the claimed invention would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made.

Claims 3, 4 are disclosed, see Jaffe at Fig. 12.

Claim 5 is also disclosed in view of the above combination, because Applicants admit that "optical combiner" is conventional see specification page 8 lines 7-9.

Claims 6-8 are rejected for the same reasons as claim 1.

Claim 9 is rejected for the same reasons as claim 1.

Claim 10 is rejected for the same reasons as claim 5.

Claim 11 is rejected for the same reasons as claim 4.

Oath/Declaration

3. The oath or declaration is missing.

A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments have been considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicants argue, on pages 5-7 of the REMARKS, that Jaffe does not teach or suggest an illumination source for a **LCOS projection system**. These arguments are not persuasive, because Jaffe has been used as teaching reference to show that illumination source for projection system is known in the art; the background of the invention teaches LCOS projection device as pointed out in the above rejection, and Jaffe suggests that light source that is comprised of a CRT device exciting a resonant microcavity with an active region, as claimed, is suitable for use in projection displays (see the above rejection); thus, Jaffe clearly suggests illumination source for projection displays.

Conclusion

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any

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extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.


6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jean W. Désir whose telephone number is (571) 272 7344. The examiner can normally be reached on 5/4/9 - First Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John W. Miller can be reached on (571) 272 7353. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

7. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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